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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners: Michael Kubayanda, Chairman;

Ashley E. Poling, Vice Chairwoman;

Mark Acton;

Ann C. Fisher; and Robert G. Taub

Competitive Product Prices Inbound E-Format Letter Post

Docket No. CP2021-94

NOTICE AND ORDER OF RATES NOT OF GENERAL APPLICABILITY FOR INBOUND E-FORMAT LETTER POST, AND APPLICATION FOR NON-PUBLIC TREATMENT

(Issued May 17, 2021)

I. INTRODUCTION

On May 14, 2021, the Postal Service filed a notice of rates not of general applicability for Inbound Letter Post Small Packets and Bulky Letters (Inbound E-format Letter Post) effective January 1, 2022.¹ The Postal Service requests that the Commission favorably review the proposed prices so that the Postal Service may submit the prices to the Universal Postal Union (UPU) before the June 1, 2021 deadline. Notice at 5.

¹ Notice of the United States Postal Service of Rates Not of General Applicability for Inbound E-Format Letter Post, and Application for Non-Public Treatment, May 14, 2021, at 1 (Notice).

II. CONTENTS OF FILING

In its Notice, the Postal Service proposes new prices for the Inbound Letter Post Small Packets and Bulky Letters product. *Id.* at 2. Under the UPU, by June 1, 2021, the Postal Service may submit self-declared rates for Inbound Letter Post Small Packets and Bulky Letters that would take effect on January 1, 2022.² The Postal Service states that the proposed prices comply with 39 U.S.C. 3633. Notice at 4. To support its proposed Inbound Letter Post Small Packets and Bulky Letters prices, the Postal Service filed the proposed prices (Attachment 2); a copy of the certification required under 39 CFR 3015.5(c)(2) (Attachment 3); and a redacted copy of Governors' Decision 19-1 (Attachment 4). *Id.*; see *id.* Attachments 2-4. The Postal Service also filed redacted financial workpapers. Notice at 4.

In addition, the Postal Service filed an unredacted copy of Governors' Decision 19-1, the unredacted new prices, and related financial information under seal. *Id.* The Postal Service also provided an application for non-public treatment of material filed under seal filed pursuant to 39 CFR part 3007. *Id.* Attachment 1.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2021-94 for consideration of matters raised by the Notice and appoints Katalin K. Clendenin to serve as Public Representative in this docket. The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service's filing is consistent with 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, and 39 CFR 3035.105 and 107. Comments are due no later than May 24, 2021. The public portions of the filing can be accessed via the Commission's website (http://www.prc.gov).

² *Id.*; Universal Postal Convention (UPU Convention) Article 28bis.1. UPU Convention is available at http://www.upu.int/uploads/tx sbdownloader/actsActsOfTheExtraordinaryCongressGenevaEn.pdf.

IV. ORDERING PARAGRAPHS

It is ordered:

- The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2021-94 for consideration of the matters raised by the Postal Service's Notice.
- 2. Comments are due no later than May 24, 2021.
- 3. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Katalin K. Clendenin will serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in these dockets.
- 4. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this Order in the *Federal Register*. By the Commission.

Erica A. Barker Secretary